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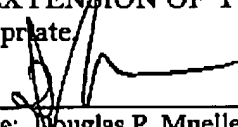
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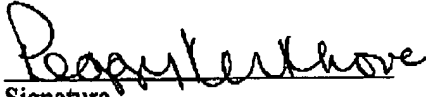
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Filed:	October 18, 2004	Docket:	10873.1557USWO
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The references were recently cited in a Korean Office Action mailed April 18, 2006. A copy of the office action is enclosed. JP 11-023819 and JP 13-209966, which are cited in the search report, were previously cited by the Applicants in an IDS filed October 18, 2004.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449. Also, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) or §1.97(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application within three months of filing this statement. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), the undersigned also hereby certifies that each item

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. Patent Documents are not included.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §(a)(3)):

US 5,986,779 is an English equivalent of KR 1997-12387 and US 5,886,964 is an English equivalent of KR 1997-17282. A partial English translation has been included for KR 1989-18123.

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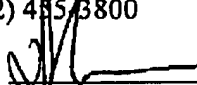
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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